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EXAMINER:

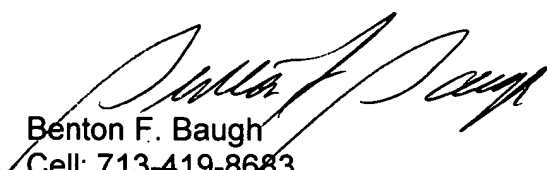
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In independent claim 1 I have changed "away from" to "moving in a radial direction" in place of "extending" and in independent claims 7 and 12 I have changed "extending" to "moving" to teach that the invention actively moves the pipes in a radial direction rather than simply supports in a radial direction.

In claim 1 I have restricted the position of the rotational axis to be approximately parallel to the support arm.

A copy of the revised claims are attached.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

  
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